

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING FEBRUARY 22, 2000

The Hall County Board of Supervisors met from adjourned session and by published call in the county board meeting room, 121 South Pine, Grand Island, Nebraska, February 22, 2000 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Richard Hartman.

Invocation was given by Supervisor Lonnie Logan

The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

Present on roll call were Scott Arnold, Richard Hartman, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster, Margaret Landis, Lonnie Logan and Tammie Stelk. Also present were Deputy County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz and news media representatives from the *Grand Island Independent* and KRGH.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8 MEETING: Logan made a motion and Stelk seconded to accept and place on file the minutes of the February 8 meeting. Hartman, Jeffries, Lancaster, Logan and Stelk all voted yes and none voted no with Arnold and Landis absent for the vote. Motion carried.

2a. CONSIDER & APPROVE RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO KENO SALES

OUTLETS: Deputy County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz provided a letter to the board members concerning the keno resolution. The Nebraska Department of Revenue's Charitable Gaming Division, that licenses satellite keno locations at the state level, can impose license suspension penalties in the cases where illegal gambling devices are present at a satellite keno location. Janulewicz recommended that the County Board adopt this resolution to allow the county to suspend a keno permit because of violations. The county resolution as stand now, does not allow for suspension. In the event of a violation they would not be able to be a keno satellite. Arnold stated that he opposed the resolution because he would expect a county keno outlet to run a better business. Lancaster stated the county board could make the judgement calls if they want to suspend a keno location for a violation under the new resolution. Lancaster made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve Resolution #00-0018 pertaining to keno sales outlets. Hartman, Lancaster, Landis, Logan and Stelk all voted yes, Arnold voted no and Jeffries abstained. Motion carried.

2b. UPDATE ON INS DISCUSSIONS: Corrections Director Dave Arnold was present to discuss new information from the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. He stated that a year ago Hall County was told they would receive \$75,000.00 for jail improvements for holding illegal immigrants, but at this time we have not received it. Arnold said that he has been invited to attend a meeting in Washington, D.C. to meet with INS and Senator Barrett concerning these funds. He was told this was a grant request but this was not the information Hall County received a year ago. Landis questioned how much Hall County receives. Arnold replied that the county receives \$49.27 per day per inmate and we received \$20,000.00 in January. Discussion was held on who should attend this meeting. Lancaster made a motion and Arnold seconded that Corrections Director Dave Arnold and Deputy County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz should attend this meeting in Washington, D.C. Arnold, Hartman, Jeffries, Lancaster, Landis, Logan and Stelk all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

2c. CONSIDER & APPROVE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF SURPLUS COUNTY PROPERTY: Deputy County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz stated that this list of property was owned by children's village and is used by Mid-Plains Center. Most of the property has little or no value and Mid-Plains has offered to purchase it for \$499.99. Logan made a motion and Landis seconded to approve Resolution #00-0019 a resolution authorizing the sale of surplus county property. Arnold, Hartman, Jeffries, Lancaster, Landis, Logan and Stelk all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Chairman Hartman called for public participation and Ron Schierling, 5074 West Highway 30 requested to speak to the board concerning the penalties that have recently been imposed on several businesses because of illegal gambling devices. He stated that the liquor commission is not law enforcement and he has filled to motions in district court on the commission. He said the resolution for the keno outlet is a good resolution.

Supervisor Scott Arnold requested time during public participation to distribute a copy of the Grand Island Police Department Annual Report to the board members.

5a. PETITION TO CLOSE ROAD: This petition was not received so it will be addressed at another time. Landis made a motion and Lancaster seconded to table this matter. Arnold, Hartman, Jeffries, Lancaster, Landis and Stelk all voted yes and none voted no with Logan absent for the vote. Motion carried.

5b. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR 1&6 ROAD PLAN: Stelk made a motion and Jeffries seconded to accept the committee recommendation and set the public hearing for the 1&6 Road Plan for March 14, 2000 at 10:30 a.m. Arnold, Hartman, Jeffries, Lancaster, Landis, Logan and Stelk all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

5c. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR BID OPENING: Lancaster made a motion and Jeffries seconded to accept the committee recommendation and set the bid opening for the pickups for the Road and Park Departments for March 14, 2000 at 10:30 a.m. Arnold, Hartman, Jeffries, Lancaster, Landis, Logan and Stelk all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Stelk made a motion by consent agenda and Jeffries seconded to accept the following:

1. Accept the conditional use committee recommendation to set the public hearings for the renewal of the conditional use permits for March 14, 2000 at 10:45 a.m. for NTV Fant Broadcasting, 11:00 a.m. for Amil Schaff, 11:15 a.m. for Werner Construction
2. Approve the amusement license for Mid-Nebraska Speedway
3. Accept and place on file the office reports from the County Attorney, Clerk of the District Court, Weed Control Authority, Juvenile Services and Register of Deeds.
4. Accept and place on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts
5. Accept and place on file communications

Arnold, Hartman, Jeffries, Lancaster, Landis, Logan and Stelk all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Chairman Hartman announced that #9 the executive session on contract negotiations with the veteran's service office will be tabled and addressed at another time.

OFFICE REPORT
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
FEBRUARY 2000

FEES AND INTEREST ON ACCT # 2-200-4	\$ 3,376.23
INTEREST ON ACCOUNT # 114-0090191	\$ 4.88
INTEREST EARNED ON ACCT. 3 7-396-2	\$ 147.06
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JUVENILE SERVICES
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JUVENILE REFERRALS	20 JUVENILES
JUVENILE OFFENDER REFERRALS	1 JUVENILE
JUVENILE HOUSE ARREST REFERRALS	4 Juveniles
TOTAL UNDER SUPERVISION	184 Juveniles
FEES COLLECTED	\$720.00

UPDATE FROM BILL STOVAL ON HALL COUNTY AIRPORT: Bill Stoval with the Hall County Airport requested to update the County Board on the projects at the airport. They have completed three projects on the master plan and now working on redoing the main runway. Core samples of the runway showed that the base of the runway is poor and it will need to be redone. They have also looked at the lighting and will need to address the funding for this project. Mr. Stoval showed the board members maps of the proposed changes to the runways. Supervisor Jeffries questioned why the runways were asphalt instead of concrete and Mr. Stoval stated that 55% of the runways in Nebraska are asphalt. Mr. Stoval stated they are also working on obtaining the necessary land for the approaches. He informed the board that Emulsified Asphalt is going to break ground for their new business in three weeks. They are still working on the community development block grant for this project. He reported that they are still working on additional flights for the airport. There is an increased interest in cargo flights and they are providing additional space for cargo and hoping to create an airside access. They have a University of Nebraska student that is doing a design assessment on the terminal. They are marketing the airport and Grand Island Economic Development donated \$5,000.00 for marketing. Stelk questioned how many tenants are at the air-park but Mr. Stoval did not know, but he will get the information to her. The board thanked Mr. Stoval for the information.

6. 10:00 A.M. BID OPENING FOR THE PAINT STRIPER: Jeffries made a motion and Lancaster seconded to open the bids for the paint striper. Arnold, Hartman, Jeffries, Lancaster, Landis and Stelk all voted yes and none voted no with Logan absent for the vote. Motion carried.

The following bids were received and opened:

BIDDER	LIST PRICE	TRADE-IN	TOTAL BASE	TOTAL OPTIONS	BID W/ OPTION
LINEAR DYNAMICS	\$163,820.00	\$1,000.00	\$162,820.00	\$10,804.20	\$173,624.20
KELLY CRESWELL CO.	\$202,105.00	\$1,000.00	\$211,105.00	NO BID	\$211,105.00
M-B COMPANIES, INC.	BID RECEIVED AT 10:24 A.M. FEBRUARY 22, 2000 BID RETURNED UNOPENED				
EZ LINER INDUSTRIES	\$140,128.00	\$ 500.00	\$129,628.00	\$19,750.00	\$159,378.00

Jeffries made a motion and Landis seconded to refer to the Public Works Director and public works committee. Arnold, Hartman, Jeffries, Lancaster, Landis, Logan and Stelk all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

11. DISCUSS COUNTY RACE DAY AT FONNER PARK: Jeffries stated he would like to see Hall County support the horse races at Fonner Park by designating a Saturday or Sunday for county employees. The employees would receive a free pass to get in the gate and Hall County could sponsor a blanket. The blanket would be donated. It was suggested that logo supporting keno could be on the blanket.

Jeffries made a motion and Logan seconded to designate a county day at the races. Arnold, Hartman, Jeffries, Lancaster, Logan and Stelk all voted yes and none voted no, Landis abstained. Motion carried. Jeffries suggested that employees with the longest tenure with the county could present the blanket. Mr. Jeffries will work on the details.

16. APPROVE PETTY CASH FUND FOR THE CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT: This petty cash fund will be for the inmate welfare fund to make purchases for the commissary. This fund was set up at budget time. Stelk made a motion and Landis seconded to approve Resolution # 00-0020 to establish a petty cash fund for the Hall County Department of Corrections. Arnold, Hartman, Lancaster, Landis, Logan and Stelk all voted yes and none voted no with Jeffries absent for the vote.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION NEGOTIATION OF GENERAL LIABILITY CLAIM: Stelk made a motion and Lancaster seconded to go into executive session. Arnold, Hartman, Jeffries, Lancaster, Landis, Logan and Stelk all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

10:23 a.m. executive session

10:28 a.m. Logan made a motion and Jeffries seconded to go out of executive session. Arnold, Hartman, Jeffries, Lancaster, Landis, Logan and Stelk all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

13. DISCUSSION OF VALUATION OF RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AREAS: Supervisor Logan stated that during the board of equalization meetings discussion was held on the residential development areas and he asked County Assessor Jan Pelland to update the board on this matter. Jan Pelland stated that she contacted six counties in the area that were comparable to Hall County asking them if they used developer discounts for the tax assessments.

Adams County – no developer discount

Buffalo County – no discount unless the property has not been developed for ten years then they offer a discount

Dodge – no developer discount

Platte County – no developer discount

Lincoln County – no developer discount

York County – no developer discount it is only offered prior to street and sewer installation

Pelland uses an established method for the developer discounts. The property is valued at 40% less than market value until the property is divided into lots and they are sold then the following year then are revalued at market value. This matter will be discussed again at the March 14, board meeting.

6. 10:30 A.M. BID OPENING FOR GRAVEL: Jeffries made a motion and Lancaster seconded to open the gravel bids. Arnold, Hartman, Jeffries, Lancaster, Landis, Logan and Stelk all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried

The following bids were opened and read:

BIDDER	PROJECT #1	PROJECT #2	PROJECT #3	PROJECT #4	PIT PRICE	BOND
LILLEY SAND	NO BID	\$18,557.50	NO BID	\$19,955.00	\$3.00 YD	YES
H&M EQUIP.	NO BID	\$19,780.00	NO BID	\$21,777.50	\$3.70 YD	YES
CENTRAL SAND	\$13,216.00	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	\$2.75 TON	CK
HOOKER BROS	\$12,273.00	\$26,672.50	NO BID	\$26,137.00	\$2.75 TON	CK
BRUNER SAND	NO BID	NO BID	\$28,360.00	NO BID	\$3.00 YD	CK
ISLAND						
LANDHANDLERS	\$13,439.00	NO BID	NO BID	\$24,479.50	\$2.75 TON	YES

Jeffries made a motion and Landis seconded to refer the bids to the Public Works Director and the public works committee. Arnold, Hartman, Jeffries, Lancaster, Landis, Logan and Stelk all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried

8. APPOINT UNION NEGOTIATION COMMITTEES FOR CWA AND PUBLIC DEFENDERS ORGANIZATION: Chairman Hartman stated he would be on the CWA negotiation committee and he would appoint Supervisor Jeffries to the public defenders organization committee. Deputy County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz will serve on the CWA and corrections committee but he recommended hiring outside counsel for the public defender's organization. Chairman Hartman requested that Jerry Pigsley be hired as the outside counsel for the public defender.

BOARD ASSISTANT'S REPORT: Stacey Ruzicka reported that she received a letter from Senator Jerry Schmidt stating that he removed his support from LB1394. She asked if the board would like to become an organizational member of the ground water program. The dues are \$60.00. Logan made a motion and Landis seconded to pay the \$60.00 dues to become an organizational member of the ground water program. Arnold, Hartman, Jeffries, Lancaster, Landis, Logan and Stelk all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried

BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS: Logan - He reported that he attended the human relations committee meeting and the long-range planning meeting.

Jeffries – He attended the human relations committee meeting and the public works committee meeting.

Stelk – She reported that she attended the interviews for the health director March 1 and that they received 15 applications. She also attended an ADA committee meeting.

Arnold – No report.

Landis – She attended the conditional use committee meeting for the public hearings and she attended the long-range planning meeting.

Lancaster – She attended a historical society meeting concerning the depot restoration and she will receive information she will share with the board members. She reported that the Convention Visitors Bureau has some concerns on the new signs on the interstate. The department of roads expressed concerns on the structure of CVB and they questioned if it is under the city or county. CVB is supported by lodging tax dollars. This matter will need further study. Discussion was held on the odor problems from the city waste station and Monfort it was suggested that a committee be set up to address the citizens concerns.

Hartman – He attended the Mid-Plains Center meeting and requested that a letter of support be sent on LB1113. Jeffries made a motion and Stelk seconded to send a letter of support for LB 1113. Arnold, Hartman, Jeffries, Lancaster, Landis and Stelk all voted yes and none voted no. Logan was absent for the vote. Hartman also mentioned the poor TV reception for the city channel 56. Stacey reported that there are some problems with some feeder lines for the TV reception and there would be some costs involved to repair them.

6. 11:07 a.m. DISCUSS WOOD RIVER WARM SLOUGH PROJECT WITH NRD: Milt Moravek provided the board members with a copy of the map for the Hall County Park showing the diversion channel and the changes that it will make to the park. Additional acres may need to be purchased to replace the land. The paved road in the

park will be used as a levy. Landis expressed concern that Hall County was not informed of the changes and how much damage will this project cause to the park. Chairman Hartman stated that two residents were not informed about the amount of land that they would lose. Park Director Chuck Kaufman is concerned about losing the camping pads and the number of trees that will be lost. The county will have a perpetual easement for the property so this may reduce the number of acres that will need to be replaced. The entire project was on hold because of funding from the federal government. The county will benefit from this project but the county park will not be the same. Deputy County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz, Milt Movavek and Parks Director Chuck Kaufman have met to go over the plans. Mr. Kaufman would like to hire an engineer to do a study and access the damages and costs that will be involved. Landis made a motion and Logan seconded to authorize Chuck Kaufman to hire Benjamin and Associates to conduct a study on the Hall County Park. Arnold, Hartman, Jeffries, Lancaster, Landis, Logan and Stelk all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried. Mr. Kaufman and Jerry Janulewicz have contacted Marilyn Taborg regarding the boundaries and the ground replacement and what funding will be involved from the state and federal agencies. The board questioned if flags could be placed in the park to show the location of the project. Mr. Movavek stated he would keep the board informed of any information on the project.

BIDS – Public Works Director Dan Hostler returned with the results of the bid opening and recommended to accept the following:

Project #1	Hooker Bros. Gravel	\$13,216.00
Project #2	Lilley Sand & Gravel	\$18,557.50
Project #3	Bruner Sand & Gravel	\$28,360.00
Project #4	Lilley Sand & Gravel	\$19,955.00
Total		\$80,088.50

The average pit price for the projects is \$4.62. Discussion was held on the pit prices by the ton or by the yard.

Stelk made a motion and Jeffries seconded to accept the low bids on the projects and to accept the pit prices. Stelk amended the motion to authorize the chair to sign the contracts and Jeffries seconded. Arnold, Hartman, Jeffries, Lancaster, Landis and Stelk all voted yes and none voted no with Logan absent for the vote. Motion carried.

COMMENCE AUDIT OF MONTHLY CLAIMS AND ACTION ON CLAIM AUDIT: The board members reviewed the claims and Jeffries made a motion and Stelk seconded to approve all claims and authorize the clerk to pay, but to hold claim #00020232 to Modern Methods for clarification. The three informal proposals need to be attached. This claim will be reviewed at the March 14, meeting. Arnold, Hartman, Jeffries, Lancaster, Landis and Stelk all voted yes and none voted no with Logan absent. Motion carried.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Stelk stated that the Health Board is continuing to look at buildings for possible purchase and she would like to know if they could ask Deputy County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz for assistance if they needed to. City Attorney Charlie Cuypers can assist the City if they have questions. All information would come back to the full county board for any final decisions. The board members agreed to include Jerry Janulewicz.

12:45 p.m. Meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be March 14, 2000 at 9:00 a.m.

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk

REMINDER: The County Board meetings may be viewed on GITV Cable Channel 6 and UHF Channel 56 Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. and Friday at 8:00 a.m.